

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 32-36, and indicating that claims 15-17 and 19 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 13 and any intervening claims. Claims 15, 16, and 19 have been rewritten in independent form, each claim including all of the limitations of the base claim 13. Claims 17 and 32-36 remain in their previously presented forms. Claims 13 and 20 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15, 16, and 19

The Examiner has indicated that claims 15, 16, and 19 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 13, upon which claims 15, 16, and 19 depend. In accordance with the Examiner's remarks, Applicant has so amended claims 15, 16, and 19. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 15, 16, and 19 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 17

In view of amended claim 16, which is now limited to subject matter which the Examiner has indicated as allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 17 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 32-36

The Examiner has allowed claims 32-36. Claims 32-36 have not been amended.

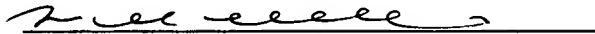
Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the claims remain in condition for allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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